

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
TITLE 22, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS**

**AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 12705:
SPECIFIC REGULATORY LEVELS POSING NO SIGNIFICANT RISK
AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 12601:
CLEAR AND REASONABLE WARNINGS**

June 23, 2005

On April 8, 2005, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) announced three separate but related proposals to amend: (1) Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 12705 to add a new subsection providing an alternative risk level for the chemical acrylamide in breads and cereals; (2) Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 12705(b) to propose a level which would supersede the current regulatory level for acrylamide in Section 12705(c); and (3) Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 12601 to add new "Safe Harbor" provisions specific to warnings for acrylamide exposures from food.

The April 8 notices announced public comment periods scheduled to close on May 24, 2005. The public comments periods for the three proposed regulatory actions were extended to June 24, 2005 at the request of the interested parties in order for them to have an opportunity to review the transcript of the May 9, 2005 public workshop concerning a conceptual regulation addressing natural constituents in foods that form listed chemicals when they are cooked or heat processed, along with the written comments submitted related to the workshop. OEHHA has received additional requests to extend the comment period further to allow commenters to review a transcript of the hearing. OEHHA has agreed to extend the comment period to **July 8, 2005**.

The transcript of the May 24, 2005 public hearing on the three proposed regulatory actions for the chemical acrylamide is available by contacting the court reporter, Ms. Phyllis Mank, at phylanna@aol.com or (916) 451-2279.

Any written statements or arguments concerning any of these three proposed regulatory actions, regardless of the form or method of transmission, must be received by OEHHA by no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, July 8, 2005**, which is hereby designated as the close of the written comment periods for each of the three regulations.

Written comments regarding these three proposed regulatory actions may be sent by mail, facsimile, or delivered by courier to:

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Comments may also be transmitted via email addressed to: sluong@oehha.ca.gov. It is requested, but not required, that written statements or arguments be submitted in triplicate.